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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

As a matter of fact, I am proud of myself. I am proud of the contributions that I have made to the available evidence in the assassination of President Kennedy. And I do not feel I was either careless or thoughtless by asking you about something that you believed you had written perfectly clearly, which certainly did not appear that way to me.

I was unaware of the extent of deterioration of your physical health and I am truly sorry to see that. I sincerely hope that you will be able to finish whatever project you are currently working on. The research needs your valuable input. It is sad - for when you are no longer capable of being the governments number one protagonist - they will have won. There is no one who will be able to fill your shoes.

I also was unaware of the number and frequency of nut cases that you have to deal with. As a former police officer I can truly appreciate that. If you really would like to see nut cases, try opening a private detective office!

I can also appreciate the fact that you have been ripped off time and again by various "researchers". In my earlier days, I had sports photographs and articles ripped off word for word by Mexican and Japanese magazines. They would photocopy my photographs and articles right off the pages of American sports magazines and I never saw one thin dime for any of the work that they outright stole!

The work that I have done thus far on the assassination has not reached the same mass audience that yours has. However, I am well aware that eventually my original work will turn up unattributed in some "researchers" book. It's bound to happen. But, I guess, in this field, that's a mark of success - that your work is good enough to steal!

As far as your replies to me, you have always been courteous and helpful. I have had this to say about you in my The JFK Assassination Files columns in THE THIRD DECADE research journal:

...In response to my question, "Do you think that the government will ever tell the public the truth about the death of President Kennedy?" - Harold Weisberg, the dean of assassination researchers, recently replied, "No. It can't. It never really investigated the crime so it doesn't know."

...since no Hall of Fame exists for assassination researchers

and others who have sought the truth about the death of President Kennedy - I am going to start an Assassination Researcher Hall of Fame in this column and the first five inductees into the Hall of Fame are: Harold Weisberg, Mark Lane, Sylvia Meagher, Penn Jones, Jr. and Thomas Buchanan.

I placed you first and foremost in the honorary Hall Of Fame.

So, in conclusion, as I said before, if you should happen to locate the Heitman file in the Eldon Rudd file, and if you feel like it, I would greatly appreciate having a copy. And I will gladly pay any and all expenses.

Thank you.

Regards,

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